



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Meeting Date: February 3, 2016 - Wednesday

Time: 10:09 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Pincetl, Smith, Louie, Pedersen

Absent: Commissioner Modugno

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Matthew Dubiel, Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Jill Jones, Deputy

Planning Director: Mr. Mark Child, Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Louie representing the Second Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Smith/Louie – That the agenda for February 3, 2016 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended to begin with Item No. 7(y), 6, 7, 7(x), 8, 9 and 10 with Commissioners Smith, Louie, Pincetl and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the minutes for January 6, 2016 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen, Pincetl and Smith in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Advance Planning

Action Taken as Noted

- 7(y). **Advance Planning Division's work program. Presentation by the Department of Regional Planning's Advance Planning Division on the Division's work program for 2016.**

Mr. Child, Deputy Director of Advance Planning Division (APD) presented a work program for projects that were completed in 2015 and projects pending final approval for 2016 and beyond. He indicated that APD of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is responsible for the long range planning efforts for the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County.

The APD is now compromised of six sections; three sections have an overall countywide focus, including General Plan and Housing Development, Ordinance Studies, and Impact Analysis. Three sections have a community focus, including Community Studies North, East and West.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Commissioner Louie praised staff for the excellent road map which sets the path and the vision for the Department of Regional Planning and the areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Smith expressed gratitude and congratulations for a very impressive 2015 list of accomplishments and upcoming projects for 2016. He would like for staff to consider tying together preserving buildings and the affordable housing component.

Commissioner Pincetl raised procedural questions for staff on: 1) When does the Commission weigh the projects being initiated; and 2) amendments to General Plans and how many amendments the County can initiate.

Staff replied that there are several ways which: 1) The commission can initiate a project without having any background; 2) Staff review issues were planning should be involved

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Advance Planning

and will ask for direction from the Commission; and 3) The State law regulates plans which have a legislative action that needs to be taken by the Board of Supervisors. There are four amendments annually, which can include individual plan development projects that can be batch and have multiple General Plan Amendments within the state parameters.

In addition, Commission Pincetl raised concerns on recycling and the land use component of recycling facilities between the amount of waste and the kind of waste being generated by different land uses. Mr. Matt Dubiel of Department of Public Works responded that staff is currently working on the recycling ordinance which will take into account the issues raised.

Listed below is APD work program of projects completed and pending.

Projects

2015 - Adopted

General Plan Update

- SEA Boundaries, Hillside Ordinance, Community Climate Action Plan, Zoning Consistency, Zoning Code Amendments

Antelope Valley Plan Update

- Updated SEA boundaries, Creation of Economic Opportunity Areas, Zoning Consistency, Zoning Code Amendments

Historic Preservation Ordinance, Yard Sale Ordinance, Brackett Field Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, Vineyards – Amendment to the Santa Monica Mountains North Area CSD

Projects

2015 – Pending Board Adoption

- Renewable Energy Ordinance, Technical Update to Zoning Code, Tree Planting Ordinance

Projects

2015 – Pending Board Hearing

- Animal Facility Ordinance

Projects

2015 – Milestones

- Prequalified Environmental Consultant List
- County Sustainability Council

Projects

2016 – Expected Completion/Adoption

- Florence-Firestone Community Plan & CSD, Altadena CSD Update, La Crescenta-Montrose CSD Update, Healthy Neighborhood Design Guidelines; LA County CEQA Guidelines, Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan

Projects

2016 – Ongoing

- SEA Program – Ordinance Update & Program Guide, Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, West Carson TOD Specific Plan

Projects

2016 – Planned

- Recycling Ordinance, Nonconforming Uses Ordinance Update, CCAP Implementing Ordinances – (Cool Roofs and Pavements, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure), Environmental Justice – Green Zones, Density Bonus Ordinance Update, Santa Monica Mountains – (CSD Update, LCP Amendments), East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, West Athens/Westmont TOD Specific Plan, Other: Utility ROW, Medical Marijuana Cultivation, Health Foods

Projects

2016 – Participation

Board of Supervisors Priorities: Affordable Housing and Homelessness

At the direction of the Chair, with no further questions for staff, the Commissioners accepted the report.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Cont.)

Community Studies - East Section

Action Taken as Noted

6. **Plan No. RPPL2016000546-(5). La Crescenta-Montrose. Community Standards District (CSD) Update. To consider initiating the preparation of ordinance amendments to allow an update to the La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District which provides for development standards for the Foothill Boulevard corridor within in the La Crescenta-Montrose unincorporated community.**

Mr. Estes presented the staff report and recommended that the Commission take action to initiate the preparation of ordinance amendments to allow for a Community Standards District (CSD) update to address development standards for the Foothill Boulevard corridor within the La Crescenta-Montrose unincorporated community.

Motion/second by Commissioners Pedersen/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare an ordinance to modify and clarify certain provisions of the La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District (CSD) contained in Section 22.44.139 of the County Code which address development standards for the Foothill Boulevard corridor.

Motion/second by Commissioners Pedersen/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to coordinate with other County departments, including but not limited to, County Counsel, the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department, to update the CSD accordingly.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Pedersen, Louie, Pincett and Smith in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

Community Studies - West Section

Action Taken as Noted

7. **Plan No. RPPL2016000547-(3). Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone. The Malibu Zoned District. To consider initiating the preparation of map and text amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program, in order to: implement text changes to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program recommended by the California Coastal Commission and the Department of Regional Planning; and to re-designate the land use categories and zones for 63 parcels to provide consistency with their intended or existing uses.**

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Cont.)

Community Studies - West Section

Ms. Saraf presented the staff report and recommended that the Commission take action to initiate the preparation of a map and text amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP). The proposal amendments will help implement the LCP in line with its stated policies and goals.

Motion/second by Commissioners Smith/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare a amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program that would: 1) implement text changes to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program, as recommended by the California Coastal Commission and the Department of Regional Planning; 2) re-designate the land use categories and zones for 63 parcels, to provide consistency with their intended or existing uses; and 3) update the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program maps to show APN 4458-040-002 as part of Pepperdine University's LRDP.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Smith, Louie, Pincetti and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

Community Studies - North Section

Action Taken as Noted

- 7(x). Plan No. RPPL2016000640-(5). Altadena, Northeast Pasadena, and Mount Gleason Zoned Districts. Altadena Community Standards District Update. To consider initiating the preparation of ordinance amendments to allow an update to the Altadena Community Standards District, which provides for uses and development standards within the unincorporated community of Altadena.**

Ms. Tae presented the staff report and recommended that the Commission take action to initiate the preparation of ordinance amendments to allow for a Community Standards District (CSD) update to address uses and development standards within the unincorporated community of Altadena.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare an ordinance to modify provisions and maps contained within Section 22.44.127 of the County Code (Altadena CSD).

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to coordinate with other County Departments, including but not limited to, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and Public Health in this effort and to prepare the appropriate environmental document.

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Community Studies - North Section

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen, Pincetl and Smith in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

9. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

10. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

Request to cancel the February 17, 2016, regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission.

Motion/second by Commissioners Pedersen/Smith - That the Regional Planning Commission cancel Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from its Approved Meeting Schedule.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Pedersen, Smith, Pincetl and Louie in favor and Commissioner Modugno being recorded as absent.

Commission Reports

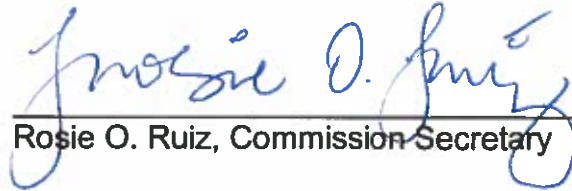
Commissioner Louie reported that yesterday was a groundbreaking for an affordable housing project that was formally the Tiki Motel which had been denied a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) due to ongoing crime activity. He commented on the full cycle of what impacts good planning and enforcement by staff member Edward Rojas and what the Department of Regional Planning has done.

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ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 10:58 a.m. to Wednesday, February 10, 2016.



Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Stephanie Pincett, Chair



Mark Child, Deputy Director
Advance Planning Division